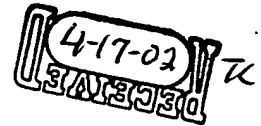


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment and Remarks as part of the Continued Prosecution Application under 35 C.F.R. §1.53(d) filed herewith in reply to the Final Office Action mailed on June 14, 2001. A Request for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is being filed herewith to extend the response period to April 14, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

(Once Amended) The present invention relates to communication devices which include a light source for viewing objects. Embodiments of the present invention include